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NOTICE

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D. GILLIES,
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Hongkong, March 25, 1899. 700

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

NOTICE

FRIDAY, 31st March, being GOOD FRIDAY, the Extraordinary General MEETING of the above-named Company called for that Day, is POSTPONED till SATURDAY, 1st April, 1899, at 12 o'clock NOON.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 27, 1899. 700

NOTICE

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Annual General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 5th April, at 3 o'clock P.M., at the Rooms of the Chamber, CITY HALL, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 28, 1899. 700

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING My Absence from the Colony Mr. WILLIAM HENRY GASKILL will be in CHARGE of the Business of the above Company as Acting Secretary. By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES B. DUNCAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 28, 1899. 700

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Issue of 3,121 Shares of \$50 each, fully paid up.

THE Directors are prepared to receive offers for the above SHARES, which remain unissued. Applicants should state the Price per SHARE, including premium, they are willing to pay, but no SHARE will be allotted for less than SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) per SHARE. Preference will be given in the Allotment to those Persons who on the 15th April, 1899, are Registered as Shareholders.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any offer. Forms of Application (as under) can be obtained at the COMPANY'S OFFICE or from the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. The Applications must be sent in to the Undersigned not later than 5 o'clock P.M., on SATURDAY, the 15th April, 1899.

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1899.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Issue of 3,121 Shares of \$50 each, fully paid up.

To the Directors of
THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

In pursuance of and upon the terms mentioned in the Notice dated 27th March, 1899, I beg to apply for..... or any less number that you may allot to me of the above mentioned Shares, for which I am willing to pay a premium of \$..... per Share, and I will pay the Sum of \$50 per Share and the premium for or in respect of every Share allotted to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION not later than the 30th April, 1899.

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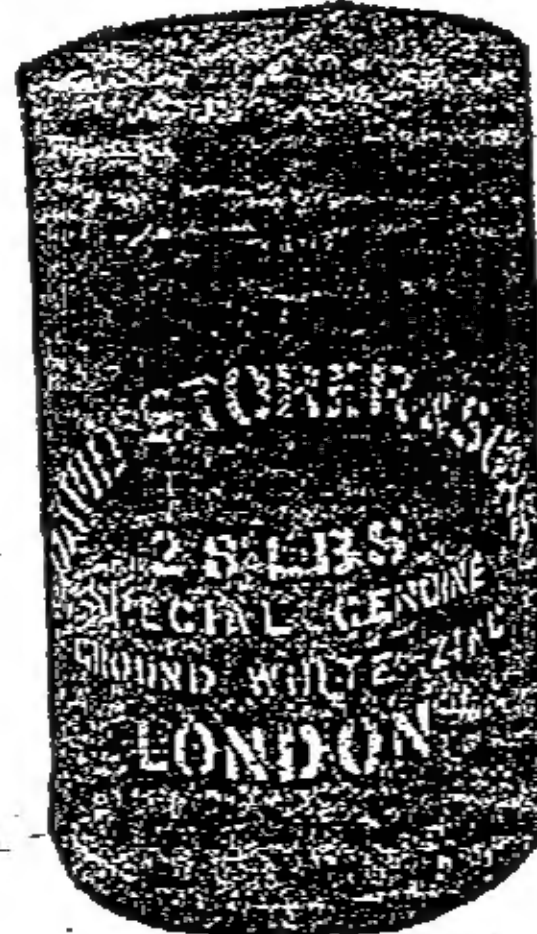
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NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Article IX. Paragraph 3 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the following B SHARES have been forfeited:—

No. 20,161-20,180. 21,381-21,480.

22,041-22,050. 22,731-22,732.

22,733-22,737. 22,993-22,997.

35,304-35,403. 38,345-38,354.

38,965-38,984. 39,334-39,335.

39,336-39,340. 39,494-39,502.

39,793-39,802. 42,384-42,483.

47,922-48,021. 50,273-50,286.

55,018-55,042. 55,043-55,073.

55,463. 58,444-58,483.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 25, 1899. 760

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE OFFICES of the COMPANY have been REMOVED to QUEEN'S BUILDING, PRAYA.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 25, 1899. 767

DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,
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DENTIST.
No. 4, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 1, 1899. 3

NOTICE

A Special SESSIONS of Her Majesty's JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' Room, at the Magistracy, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of April, A.D. 1899, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of considering applications from—

(1) JAMES EDWARDS, for a Publican's Licence to sell and Retail Intoxicating Liquors, on the Premises situated at House No. 13, Praya Central, under the Sign of 'The Central Hotel'.

(2) GEORGE LEITCH, for the Transfer of his Publican's Licence to sell and Retail Intoxicating Liquors on the Premises situated at House No. 148 and 149, Queen's Road Central, under the Sign of 'The Stag Hotel' to JOHN MONSON COWELL.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1899. 770

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

MR. GEO. L. TOMLIN has been appointed Secretary to the Company from this Date.

H. L. DALRYMPLE,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 22, 1899. 724

NOTICE

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned have THIS DAY been REMOVED to QUEEN'S BUILDING, and are Situated on the FIRST FLOOR of the North-East Wing.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1899. 777

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TWO (2) CERTIFICATES for 17 SHARES Numbered 4,981/4,994, and 5,000 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of JOHN PREECE having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that Two Duplicate Certificates for the said 17 SHARES will be issued One (1) Month hence, and that the Original Certificates unless produced within that Period will thereafter be held by the Company as Null and Void.

COOPER'S CASE—JUDGMENT REVERSED.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, 5.38 p.m.

The decision in the matter of A. S. Watson & Co. v. Cooper, recently given by Consul Gardner, Amoy, has been reversed. The injunction restraining Cooper from entering employment competing against Watson & Co. is now dissolved.

The Sanitary Board meets to-morrow afternoon. The business is purely formal.

To-morrow night will be the last performance of Warren's Circus in the Colony. The performance is to be under the patronage of H.E. Sir Henry Blake and H.E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., and officers. A special programme has been arranged. Mr. Will Maylow, of H.M.S. *Narcissa*, is to render his inimitable comic specialties.

We are requested to state that Registered correspondence by British, French, American and Canadian contract packets will be received at the General Post Office up to one hour before the time of closing the ordinary mail by such packets; but letters may be registered up to 15 minutes before the time of closing the ordinary mail on payment of a late fee of ten cents.

The parcel post for Europe will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the Post Office will be closed except from 8 to 9 a.m., but if the English mail arrives the Office will be open for delivery for one hour. On Saturday, the 1st April, the Post Office will be closed at 11.30 a.m. On Easter Monday, the 3rd April, the Post Office will be closed except from 8 to 9 a.m. Letters for Hongkong, Peking and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. on the 31st inst., and the 3rd April, and up to 11.30 a.m. on 1st April. The night box will be left open. The money order office will be closed at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th inst., and will be entirely closed on the 31st inst. and the 1st and 3rd April.

On Saturday, a writ was served on W. F. Sylvester, of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Co. of Tientsin, by an Officer of the United States Consulate General, on board the *Messageries Maritimes* steamer *Caledonia*. The writ was in a suit filed with the United States Consular Court at Canton on March 17th, 1899, by E. B. Drew versus W. F. Sylvester. E. B. Drew seeks to recover a sum of 15,000 Taels due under the Bond of the Petitioner from the Defendant, which provided that the American steamer *Abby* should convey direct to the port of Singapore, and to no other place, 500 Mauser rifles and 500,000 Mauser cartridges. On the strength of this bond a Customs permit was granted. The shipment, however, was not landed as agreed in Singapore, but proceeded to the Island of Luzon. The steamer *Abby* was seized on or about the 25th September last, and is at present in the hands of the United States Naval Authorities.

VERRELL AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon, Iala de Cuba, Iala de Luzon, Hué Chuan, H.M.S. Redpoll, Dos Hermanos, Henry Failing, Kaipan, Empress of China, Si-sang.

Cosmopolitan.—Don Just de Austria, Phra Chom Klao.

Aberdeen.—Chittagong.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Served to the 'China Mail')

LONDON, 27th March, 1899. THE UITLEANDERS' GRIEVANCES IN THE TRANSVAAL.

A petition to the Queen, signed by 21,000 Uitlanders, has been transmitted through Sir Alfred Milner. The petition declares the position to be intolerable and prays for an enquiry.

The Times asks whether President Kruger will persist in disregarding warnings until too late.

RAILWAYS IN EGYPT.

The Railway to Khartoum has already been laid fifty miles South of Athens and will be completed by November.

(Kobe Chronicle.)

WITHDRAWAL OF LEGATION GUARDS AT PEKING.

PERKINS, March 22. The British Legation guard left Peking this morning. The Ministers of the Tsungli Yamen called at the Japanese, German, Italian and Austrian Legations yesterday and urged the withdrawal of the guards still retained at these Legations.

ROW IN THE KOREAN COURT.

ANOTHER CHARGE OF MINISTRY.

SEOUL, March 22. On Monday Chin Shou-kan, a State Councillor, and Min Hui-kan, the Acting Minister for Home Affairs, had a dispute in regard to the selection of a district headman and nearly came to blows in the presence of the Emperor. The Emperor has ordered Chin Shou-kan to be banished for life and Min Hui-kan for fifteen years. All the Ministers of State have been released from their offices.

DEPARTURE OF KANG YU-WEI.

TOKYO, March 22. Kang Yu-wei left for America by the *Idemitsu* to-day. On Monday Kang Yu-wei paid a visit to the British and United States Legations, and had an interview with the Ministers.

SHORTLY USED Pianos, cheap, to clear for the summer, easy terms, full guarantee.—Robinson Piano Co.

AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

THE ADVANCE ON MALOLOS.

Stubborn Fighting.

SEVERE AMERICAN LOSSES.

(Special Telegram from Our Special Correspondent.)

MANILA, March 22, 10.43 a.m.

Since Saturday, the Americans have cleared the country from Marikina to Marikina, a distance of twenty miles.

The advance on Malolos continues. The Americans are having some very hard fighting, the insurgents showing a stubborn resistance.

The American losses number 81 killed and 230 wounded. The insurgent losses are severe.

It is expected that a strong resistance will be offered at Malolos.

The insurgents destroy the railway as they retreat.

A dynamite bomb thrown into the Commissariat Depot at Binondo did no damage.

THE ISLAND OF NEGROS.

Historical and Industrial Sketch.

PROSPECTS.

(From Our Special Correspondent with the U. S. Army.)

BACOLOD, March 9.

The island of Negros is one of the richest and most beautiful of the Philippine group. Its equable temperature makes it one of the most desirable for European residents, and under honest administration its productive resources could be rapidly increased. From the sea the prospect ashore is most enchanting. The surf breaks on a snow-white strand. Rich tropical vegetation fringes the shore. Behind the towns dotted along the foreground, the land rises in a gentle slope as far as the eye can reach; and the picture is closed in by the volcanic cordillera that forms the backbone of this charming island. It is like an emerald gem in the sun-warmed sea. Peace and contentment rest upon the island of Negros, where the gentle, peaceably-disposed natives, with the assistance of a colonel of the United States Volunteer Army, are quietly and calmly evolving a workable constitution for the future administration of its affairs.

Like most of the Philippine Islands, Negros is a product of prehistoric volcanic activity. Its highest peak is the volcano of Cuadron, which reaches an altitude of 8300 feet, but looks much higher because of the abruptness with which it stands out from its surroundings. At night the glow from the crater is visible distinctly from Iloilo, and at times the flame and smoke and red-hot lava belches forth from its capacious crater. The lowlands are formed of rich alluvial, naturally fertile and easily cultivated. Its products are sugar, hemp, tobacco, maize, coffee, and rice. Sugar is the principal product. The growth of this staple is almost entirely in the hands of rich native planters, but several foreigners have extensive estates and others will doubtless be attracted to the island after its affairs are placed on a satisfactory working basis. In 1890, the island exported 600,000 tons of sugar; in 1897, the statistics had reached 200,000 tons, and a Scotsman familiar with the Philippines confidently asserts that with rapid means of communication the yield could be increased fourfold. Rice is not grown in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the native population, and maize is grown only on the east coast to any great extent. Cocoanuts are plentiful, but the output of copra, strangely enough, does not bulk largely in the official statistics. Plantains, mangoes and pine-apples are the principal fruits.

The population is estimated at 500,000, but travellers state that the island is sparsely populated in proportion to its superficial area. Small towns are numerous along the seaboard. Unfortunately, the long shelving shore and the absence of big rivers prevent the easy shipment of cargo. Occasionally, small steamers coast round the island, filling up with sugar in exchange for rice, but speaking generally it may be said that the produce is shipped by light-draught launches to Iloilo and there transhipped into ocean-going carriers. Sibay is the most important town for the export of sugar, and Davao for hemp; but the principal town in the island and the seat of the Government is the clean little town of Bacolod, where the U.S. troops landed on the 4th inst. Ports might be established at Danao in the north, San Carlos in central Negros and Bais in the south. Like all Malays, the people are lazy, and it will be impossible to develop the trade of the island unless Chinese labour is introduced. So long as they can get their fish and rice—and the seas literally swarm with piscatorial delicacies—the natives are averse to continuous labour on the plantations. One of their choice dishes is a species of worm obtained from the stem of the man grove.

Under Spanish rule, there was perhaps but little incentive to personal exertion. The net of the tax collector was a big one; his motives were small, and few escaped it. I do not know what were the conditions elsewhere, but when I say that the official guide-book for the taxation of Negros contained a hundred closely-printed pages, it may be readily understood that taxation of the natives had been reduced by the Spaniards to a fine art, and on all sides I have heard complaints of the abuses of this official system and the tendency to exact illegal imposts. In the guide-book, the regulation of the 'Impuesto Provincial' is

Personnel' occupy forty-eight pages; the 'Impuesto de Cédulas Personales' fifty pages. Every individual, male and female over sixteen years of age was taxed, and there was also a house tax of 5 per cent on all substantial buildings, nipa huts excepted. Appended is an interesting scale of taxation, the inhabitants of the islands being divided into ten classes:—

	Personal.	Industrial.
1st Class	\$20	\$400
2nd "	10	200
3rd "	5	100
4th "	3	50
5th "	2	25
6th "	1.50	12 to 12
7th "	1	8 to 12
8th "	.75	8
9th "	.50	8
10th "	.25	8

The tenth class was composed of priests and soldiers.

It is no exaggeration to say that the island was ruled by the priesthood; civil officials at Bacolod, where the Government work was focussed, did not number more than a score. All the details of the work were carried on by the native employes, which led to grave irregularities, and as the Spaniards were badly paid they overlooked the penetration of their underlings, while they themselves augmented their salaries from illegitimate sources. In the districts, the priests performed many of the governmental functions. They shared in the plundering, and in other ways abused their power. In one district, a well-known priest regularly misappropriated the *quinter-dies* or road tax, and judging from the condition of the roads I have seen in Negros I would say his example has been followed by his brethren and the civil officials. The fact that the police was kept by a handful of Spanish soldiers and a few hundreds of native auxiliaries is sufficient indication of the peaceable nature of the native population. The *Quinter-dies* has been re-employed by the American authorities for the maintenance of law and order throughout the island. Their arms have been returned to the armory, and Springfield rifles served out to them. Under the American regime the scale of pay of the 200 officers and men in the Bacolod district will be:—Captain, \$95; 1st Lieutenant, \$75; 2nd Lieutenant, \$60; 1st Sergeant, \$20; Duty Sergeants, \$18; Corporal, \$12; Soldier, 1st Class, \$9; 2nd Class, \$8. All figures are quoted in Mexican dollars. Special rations will be served out, and barracks accommodation provided. The rate of pay is slightly under the rate allowed by the Spanish authorities, but as they were sometimes not paid or had heavy deductions made from their wages, the native auxiliaries are likely to be more content with their new masters. Under the new Government, justice will be administered in the provinces by native judges, acting with the same powers as the local justices of the peace in the United States; but they will be subject to supervision from the American authorities, by whom all cases of serious crime will be dealt with.

The basis of the new taxation has not been decided upon as yet. The original idea was to impose a land tax, an arrangement that commends itself to the foreigners who have resided upon the island, but the natives strangely enough favor an export tax. Customs imposts will be collected at Iloilo in the meantime.

Gambling is as absorbing a vice in the Philippines as it is in China. Monte is the popular card game in Negros. *Haw-lag*, a sort of pitch and toss, is also played. But cock-fighting is the pastime that appeals most to the native mind. Large sums of money change hands over the performances of favorite birds.

The Spanish officials did nothing to encourage education among the natives, but I found a large section of well-educated young men, and several planters have sent their families to Hongkong, London and Paris to obtain the advantages of European education. President Lacson was educated at Madrid University. He studied agriculture, engineering and surveying, and has acquired a large fund of useful information from his travels abroad. His daughters were educated in Paris. It is said that the percentage of those who can read and write is higher among the natives than it is in Spain. Private teachers were brought to Negros from Manila, but the priests discouraged this extraneous assistance, 'because,' as one native informant told me, 'they were afraid of losing their influence over the people.' The same young man told me that there were between sixty and seventy Spanish priests on the island prior to the rising in November last, and that in the town of Bacolod there were no less than thirty-nine priests among the prisoners.

Not only the natives but the foreigners who have lived on the island complain of the misconduct of the priests. Their behaviour was very lax, particularly in respect of their vows of chastity. Many of these Spanish priests kept native women by whom they had large families. By their indecent conduct towards the wives and daughters of the natives, rich and poor alike, the Spanish officials and priests who abused their power and position embittered the people against them, and under the circumstances one cannot help admiring the moderation and self-restraint of the natives when the force of circumstances put the power into their hands.

'Do you know of any Spanish official who distinguished himself for good works?' I asked one prominent native in the town of Bacolod.

He smiled. His reply was: 'Well, you see the town. Do you see any sign yourself of any public improvements effected by them? The only monument they have left behind here is the church and the unfinished convent, and that was built with our money.' And yet Bacolod is the best ordered of all the towns in Negros!

The native is obviously not devoid of a sense of humour. It is little news for wonder that, when they shipped off their prisoners to Manila in January, they told the Spaniards not to come back.

The flora of Negros is very rich—a mine of wealth to the scientific student. The forests are illimitable, and yet there is a perpetual lumber famine in large business centres of the Far East. Of the hard woods, those of the greatest commercial value are *malabac* (or *tigay*, as the natives call it)—a resinous, light-coloured wood; ipil and balayan, the latter of which is a richly-coloured wood suitable for furniture making. All of these three woods are impenetrable to the white ant, the pest of the East. *Acacia* flourish in great variety.

A zoologist would say that the fauna is limited, but those who have travelled much in the interior assure me that the richness of the island in this respect is unknown to the scientists. Wild bears, wild buffaloes, wild cats, deer (large and small), monkeys, mongooses, ferrets, rodents in many species abound. There is one very beautiful variety of the spotted leopard cat—*felis bengalensis*. Alligators infest the rivers, carrying off large numbers of natives every year, especially in the north. There are several kinds of *liganag* one edible. Snakes are numerous, some very large, and there is one beautiful green colour, non-poisonous. The lizard family is largely represented, from the common to the common house lizard. Ornithological students find Negros an interesting field for observation and collection. Some of the birds possess very pretty plumage, but there are few singing birds. Birds of prey are plentiful, from the eagle down to a small hawk no bigger than a blackbird. The common varieties of fish caught off the coast are sprats, sardines, mullet and a sort of spurling or whitefish.

The natives suffer from smallpox, a climatic fever and ague, beri-beri, and other tropical complaints; but on the whole they are a healthy, cleanly race. Outside the pale, there are two native races—the Negritos and the Montenos (or mountaineers). Both are peaceable, and give no trouble to the lowlanders. They hunt with bow and spear. In physiognomy, the Montenos are more like the British Indian with long dark hair than the Malay; the Negritos are very dark, small featured, with fuzzy hair.

No serious resistance was made by the Spaniards when the natives rose on the 9th of November. Information was sent over from Iloilo that the Spaniards intended to call in the assistance of the garrison at Negros to resist the attack upon Iloilo, and instructions were given to prevent the garrison from leaving Negros. Fights took place on the plantation of President Lacson to the north of Bacolod and at the town of Jimanayan to the south. Only two or three Spaniards were killed and a few wounded, including an officer. The Governor capitulated on condition that the lives of himself and his men would be spared. The prisoners were allowed liberty on parole, and were afterwards sent to Manila. On the western side of the island the country was divided into two zones, Mr. Lacson acting as leader in the north and Mr. Areneta as leader in the south. On the other side of the island, Mr. Diego de la Uña, a rich planter, was the leader. Mr. Areneta and Mr. Raphael Ramos, previous to this, had been imprisoned on a false charge of being filibusters. Originally, the movement was in conjunction with the insurrection of Panay, but the destruction of Iloilo, in which a brother of President Lacson lost heavily, convinced the people of Negros that peace has its triumphs as great as war, and decided wisely to have no part in a revolution that involved loss to the inhabitants of the country. I am sorry to hear that President Lacson, who is not in good health, is desirous of resigning his position on the plea that his business requires his undivided attention. It would be a cause for regret if this intelligent, public-spirited gentleman were lost to the public service at a time when wise counsel and judicial consideration are so highly essential; but if he persists in his resignation his place will be taken, in all probability, by Mr. Juan Areneta, another liberal-minded planter.

REFERENCE to Lord Charles Bessford the *Spectator* says:—He advocates an alliance of Great Britain, Germany, America, and Japan to guarantee China against all foes, the formation of an army of two hundred thousand Chinese under European officers, and such a reorganization of finance as would throw open her commerce to the world, and allow citizens of the guaranteeing Powers to open mines at will. The Chinese officials are said to be friendly to the plan, which we do not doubt, and all the Anglo-Chinese welcome it with enthusiasm. As it would speedily involve a war with Russia and France, as we have no right, unless we govern China, to place an irresistible weapon in their hands, and the Chinese officials are said to be friendly to the plan, which we do not doubt, and all the Anglo-Chinese welcome it with enthusiasm. 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